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SUBJECT:MODE - HEW/NIH PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH ONE US  
CIVILIAN POSITION IN BELGIUM

1. CITING EXPANDING INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS IN CANCER RESEARCH, HEW/NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH) HAS REQUESTED AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH ONE U.S. CITIZEN POSITION CEILING IN BRUSSELS, BELGIUM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. POSITION WOULD ACCOMMODATE A GS-14 CHEMIST WHO WOULD REPRESENT THE NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE AND MAINTAIN A CANCER CHEMOTHERAPY OFFICE AT THE INSTITUT JULES BORDET (IJB) IN BRUSSELS, BELGIUM (IJB HAS THREE-YEAR CONTRACT NO. NOI-CM-53840 WITH NIH, WHICH EXPIRES DECEMBER 14, 1977); WOULD ALSO SERVE AS NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVE TO THE EUROPEAN ORGANIZATION FOR RESEARCH AND TREATMENT OF CANCER COUNCIL, AND TO ITS PRECLINICAL AND CLINICAL COOPERATIVE GROUPS.

2. HEW'S EXPLANATION AND JUSTIFICATION FOR PROPOSAL ARE AS  
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FOLLOWS: DUTIES OF POSITION WOULD INCLUDE LIAISON AND

COLLABORATION WITH RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS IN WESTERN EUROPE TO GATHER MATERIALS AND INFORMATION ON SYNTHESIS OF NEW DRUGS, PREPARATION OF ANTI-BIOTICS AND MATERIAL

PRODUCTS NECESSARY TO CANCER RESEARCH AND CLINICAL INVESTIGATIONS. WHILE THE INCUMBENT, AS A USG EMPLOYEE, WOULD COME WITHIN THE AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE AMBASSADOR, NO ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT, PERQUISITES OR TITLES WOULD BE REQUIRED FROM THE DIPLOMATIC MISSION. NIH PLANS TO MAKE 9050 DOLLARS AVAILABLE TO THE INCUMBENT PER YEAR TO COVER QUARTERS AND POST ALLOWANCES. THE ANTICIPATED REACTION OF THE HOST GOVERNMENT IS EXPECTED TO BE FAVORABLE. OFFSET POSITION IS AVAILABLE WITHIN HEW WORLDWIDE MODE CEILING. NEED TO CONTINUE POSITION SHOULD BE REEXAMINED IN FALL 1977 AS THREE YEAR CONTRACT TERMINATION APPROACHES.

3. PROPOSED INCUMBENT, DR. OMAR YODER, BEGAN PERFORMING THE RESPONSIBILITIES ON A TDY BASIS IN JANUARY 1975. RECORD COMPILED BY NIH SHOWS THAT IN 1975 HE SPENT 87 DAYS IN U.S., 198 DAYS AT BRUSSELS, AND 80 DAYS IN TRAVEL IN EUROPE. ESTIMATED COST OF PCS BASING AT BRUSSELS IS WITHIN 550 DOLLARS PER YEAR OF COST OF TDY OPERATION EX-BETHESDA. BECAUSE OVER HALF OF YEAR IS SPENT IN BRUSSELS, NIH CONSIDERS PCS ASSIGNMENT THERE CLEARLY THE MORE REASONABLE ARRANGEMENT. IN ADDITION THAT ARRANGEMENT WOULD SIMPLIFY AND EXPEDITE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSING OF TRAVEL ORDERS AND VOUCHERS.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE COM COMMENTS ON NIH PROPOSAL. ROBINSON

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